

HOUSE RESOLUTION 46

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate Bebe and Louis Fuqua's meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy people are Bebe and Louis Fuqua, who are known throughout the South Pittsburg community for their many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Bebe Fuqua was born in 1931, in the very same house where she and Louis live today; she graduated from South Pittsburg High School in 1949, and attended George Peabody College for Teachers the following year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fuqua taught in Antioch and South Pittsburg for a total of about five years; she coached softball, volleyball, and women's basketball for many years and still works as an assistant coach for the South Pittsburg High School Lady Pirate basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Bebe Fuqua walks every morning and loves to play golf during the warmer months; and

WHEREAS, Louis Fuqua was born in Gainesboro, in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fuqua proudly served his country in the United States Navy before being honorably discharged in 1952, at which time he moved to Marion County to take a job with the Tennessee Valley Authority; and

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Fuqua's stint with the TVA, as well as jobs with electric co-ops in Arkansas and Texas, and a career as an independent contractor, the Fuqua's have traveled all over the world and lived overseas; and

WHEREAS, Louis Fuqua has traveled to every state in the country and every continent in the world, and his last job was in the Taklimakan Desert in China where he helped construct a power station; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fuqua, who lived in the States while her husband worked overseas, traveled often to see him and has seen some interesting sites; in one summer alone, she visited the purported spot where Jesus was born, the Church of All Nations, and the Great Pyramids; and

WHEREAS, Bebe Fuqua also spent a month in Baghdad while the city was under a military coup; and

WHEREAS, Louis Fuqua, who still enjoys traveling even in retirement, is planning a sailing trip this summer; and

WHEREAS, the Fuqua's, who have recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary, have two children; Kirk was born in 1956, and Kevin was adopted from South Korea in 1971; and

WHEREAS, throughout the many moves the Fuqua's have made during their lifetime, they always came back to South Pittsburg; it's the only place, they say, that felt like home; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Louis and Bebe Fuqua for their dedication to both their community and to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Bebe and Louis Fuqua for their meritorious service to the good people of South Pittsburg and to the State of Tennessee, as we extend to them our best wishes for their every future adventure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.